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IN RE PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE STATE BAR OF MONTANA.

Before this Court is a petition for reinstatement filed by Chris J. Nelson (Nelson) on December 4, 2009. Nelson was placed on inactive status on June 27, 2008, for failure to comply with CLE requirements. Petitioner's petition does not state whether he is current in his CLE requirements. Moreover, his petition discloses that he is under investigation by Disciplinary Counsel for having entered a municipal court appearance while he was "suspended." Given these,

IT IS ORDERED that within 10 days of the date of this Order, Nelson shall file an affidavit with this Court stating whether he is current in his CLE requirements and, if not, his plan for bringing himself current.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 10 days of the date of this Order, Disciplinary Counsel will file with this Court a brief status report on his investigation of Nelson's admission to practicing law while "suspended."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court give notice of this Order by facsimile, followed by mail, to Nelson and to Disciplinary Counsel.

Dated this day of December, 2009.

Chief Justice

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William Sunhurf Justices